

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2024

SAT 00:00 Nick Perry - The Loop (b00nvtzn)

When a young boy toys with his dad's mobile phone, middle-aged Englishman Nick Perry finds himself speaking to a young stranger called Jim in New York - in 1959.

As they talk, they discover that they are both writers: Nick is struggling with his first radio play and Jim's just started on an ambitious new TV show, The Twilight Zone.

Nick Perry Ivan Kaye
Jim Giller Edward Hogg
Old Man Peter Marinker
Policeman Rhys Jennings
Dolores Emerald O'Hanrahan
Woman Melissa Advani

Written by Nick Perry
Directed by Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

SAT 00:45 Mrs Jones by Dorothy K Haynes (b0b3g0qf)

A mean baker pays the price when she's rude to a hag who asks to sample a cake at the village fair.

Dorothy K Haynes' tale of vengeful Welsh fairies.
Read by Donna Edwards.

Producer: Ceri Meyrick

First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in February 1994.

SAT 01:00 Mr Percy and the Prophet by Wilkie Collins (m001v3ng)

It's 1817. A meeting with a clairvoyant has extraordinary consequences for a sceptical Percy Linwood.

But even prophecies do not always go according to plan.

Starring Ronald Pickup and Jonathan Firth.

Written by Wilkie Collins.
Dramatised by John Arden.

Wilkie Collins Ronald Pickup
Percy Linwood Jonathan Firth
Captain Bervie Mark Payton
Charlotte Bowmore Tilly Gaunt
Mr Bowmore Michael Cochrane
Mrs Bowmore Frances Jeater
Major Norman Rodway
Dr Lagarde Gareth Armstrong
Manservant Harry Myers

Director: Rosalind Ward

A BBC Radio 4/World Service co-production first broadcast in November 1998.

SAT 02:00 Stand By For West (m000tnp4)

Inspector West at Bay

2. Bombshell in Bournemouth

Following the acid attack, Chief Inspector Roger West and his family travel to Bournemouth for a few days holiday.

But there's no respite from the ongoing case at Scotland Yard and Roger remains under threat.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Hedley

Det -Insp Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on Radio 2 in May 1969.

SAT 02:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1m)

3. Strangers in a Cafe

Elizabeth visits the site of the tomb excavated by her late father in the Valley of the Kings.

Accompanying her is a young Egyptian who she suspects is

Fuad Yassif - a former friend of her father's.

Suddenly she's plunged into darkness...

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick ... Sheila Grant

Mahmoud ... James Thomason

Mr, Wilder ... John Humphry

Fuad ... David Spenser

Charles Villiers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers ... Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Bertie Pringle ... Barry Lowe

O'Hara ... Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ... John Justin

The stranger ... Christopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

SAT 03:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d7jm)

5. First Love

George Bowling tells us about his first love, Elsie and his first

fumbling attempts to get beyond a kiss.

George Orwell's book was first published before war broke out in 1939.

Abridged by Ellin Stein.

Read by Tim McInermy.

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

SAT 03:15 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (b08bbg1j)

10. Harvest Time

Meg has her family and Amy is enjoying her life abroad but Jo's heart aches with a ceaseless longing for what she has lost.

Conclusion of Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story.

Dramatised by Rhiannon Tise.

Jo Julianna Jennings

Mrs March Tara Ward

Mr March John Bowler

Meg Natasha Barnes

Professor Bhaer Gunnar Cauthery

Amy Samantha Dakin

Laurie Alex Lanipekun

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.

SAT 03:30 Ability (m0004593)

Series 2

A Job for Matt

Matt decides to turn over a new leaf and earn some money legally.

He advertises the flat on AirBnB but then has to resort to looking for a real job.

Stars Lee Ridley and Allan Mustafa.

Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad.

Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" - partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame.

This second series sees Matt still sharing a flat with his best mate, Jess. He is still in love with her but, much as she likes him, she is still not in love with him. She does however, fancy Matt's rubbish carer, Bob. Well just a tiny bit anyway. Not that she would ever admit it. After all, Bob is even more lazy and useless at most things than she is.

But Bob is willing. And although domestic duties are not really his forte, he likes Matt and treats him like a real person. And over the last year or so the three of them have been through a lot together - well a lot of drinking and hangovers anyway. The series is set in Newcastle and many of the cast last played together as children in Biker's Grove.

Matt Lee Ridley - aka Lost Voice Guy

Bob Allan Mustafa

Jess Sammy Dobson

Matt's Inner Voice Andrew Hayden-Smith

Ability is the semi-autobiographical co-creation of Britain's Got Talent 2018 winner, Lee Ridley, otherwise known as Lost Voice Guy. Like his sitcom creation, Lee has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app. Lost Voice Guy is - probably - the first stand up comedian to use a communication aid.

Katherine Jakeways is the co-creator and co-writer of Ability. A Funny Bones production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in April 2019.

SAT 04:00 Marriage Lines (b05zt15x)

Series 2

Episode 2

With baby a week overdue, there's frustration for George and Kate.

Starring Richard Briers and Prunella Scales.

Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Starling Richard Briers

Kate Starling Prunella Scales

Mr Hopkins Clive Morton

Mrs Hopkins Noel Hood

Miles Colvey Edward de Souza

Dr Bennett Frederick Treves

Receptionist Beth Boyd

Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1967.

SAT 04:30 Know Your Place (b018jpyj)

Room to Manoeuvre

Cleaner Elsie borrows a flat for a night, but must keep caretaker Ramsay out of the way.

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

John Graham

Jon Glover

Norma Ronald

Nell Brennan

Yvonne Manners

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1982.

SAT 05:00 Whispers (b007k2zk)

Series 2

Episode 3

Which scandal would the panelist like to be involved with..?

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Joining team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip:

Simon Fanshawe

Charles Collingwood

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

SAT 05:30 The Right Time (b0076mmf)

Series 4

Episode 5

Musing on middle-age and a near-death experience turns out mundane.

Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

Starring:

Eleanor Bron

Dudley Sutton

Roger Blake

Paula Wilcox

Clive Swift

Barry Cryer

Music by Ronnie & The Rex and Pierre Hollins.

Written by Colin Bostock-Smith, Jill Brodie & John Pidgeon.

Barry Cryer, Dave Dixon, Jan Etherington, Alan Stafford and

Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds.

Script editor: George Poles.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

SAT 06:00 RET Lamb - My Brother's Keeper (m001vcsm)

When Billy is killed in a motorcycle accident, his fiancée, Janey is too distraught to attend the funeral.

But not too upset, it seems, to start a romance with Billy's younger brother.

Starring Kate Spiro.

Written by RET Lamb.

Janey Kate Spiro

Tom Cornelius Garrett

Dereck Christian Rodska

Mrs Varley Jo Anderson

George Paul Nicholson

May Susan Dowdall

Aunty Vivienne Moore

Geoff Jonathan Nibbs

Jim John Abintri

Joan Constance Chapman

Em Pat Field

Vicar Tony Robinson

Man Phillip Manikun

Director: Paul Chamberlain

Producer: Shaun McLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1983.

SAT 07:15 Food For Thought by Vincent McInerney (b076zs8z)

When a ship docks in Liverpool, one lonely man tries to

befriend another.

Vincent McInerney's short story read by Gerard McDermott.

Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

SAT 07:30 Three-a-Penny by Lucy Malleon (Omnibus) (m000cb3s)

Diana Quick reads the autobiography of Lucy Malleon, a

detective writer of the 1930s and 40s who wrote under the name "Anthony Gilbert".

First published in 1940, 'Three-A-Penny' is valuable now for its sharp social history of working life in the early decades of the 20th century, and particularly for its focus on what it was like for women at work in offices.

Lucy initially trains as a secretary and during the First World War starts work in the offices of the Red Cross notifying families of wounded and missing relatives.

She works in various Government offices including the newly-created Health Ministry where she desperately tries to draft in enough doctors to cope with the post-War flu epidemic. She observes the disillusionment of peacetime employment as ex-soldiers try to find work and the country is hit with rising unemployment.

Her sister Joan persuades her to take up a post as a sort of social worker in East End of London and she writes about the hardened personalities trying to survive in desperate economic hardship.

Whilst working in offices, Lucy tries hard to fulfil her writing ambitions and starts sending poems and stories to magazines in her lunch hour.

After repeated rejections from publishers, she is inspired to take on a man's name, Anthony Gilbert, and finds success with her first novel. By the 1930s her reputation as a writer grows and she is invited to join the 'Detection Club' alongside the author Dorothy Sayers.

Astonishingly modern, though 100 years old, Lucy Malleon's sharp and humorous account of working life is vividly brought to life by Diana Quick.

Omnibus of five parts.

Producer: Elizabeth Burke

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019.

SAT 08:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnbj)

Series 1

2. Happy Days

An old man acts like a child when Carter Brandon and Uncle Mort take him out for the day.

Carter and his Uncle are in Wales on their latest road trip.

Peter Tinniswood's continuing tales of long-suffering Carter

Brandon on his travels with his curmudgeonly Uncle.

Uncle Mort Stephen Thorne
Carter Brandon Sam Kelly
Mr Roberts Howell Evans
Narrator Christian Rodska
Uncle Mort and his Yorkshire-based family first appeared in Tinniswood's novel 'A Touch Of Daniel' which earned them a run of 'I Didn't Know You Cared' on BBC TV in four series from 1975 to 1979.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1996.
SAT 09:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08gjzsv)
Series 2
A Yap in the Night
A spate of break-ins in the neighbourhood sparks a security crackdown in the Corner household.
Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.
The comedy mishaps of the Corner family - Jennifer and Henry and their three kids Trudi, Amanda and Robin.
Four series were first shown on BBC TV from 1967 to 1970.
Richard Waring adapted his own TV scripts for this radio version, now fully restored from the original reel-to-reel tapes.
Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthew.
Jennifer Corner Wendy Craig
Henry Corner Francis Matthews
Mary Charlotte Mitchell
Trudi Roberta Tovey
Amanda Jill Riddick
Robin Hugo Keith-Johnston
Detective Frederick Treves
Mr Wilkinson David Tate
Pet Shop Owner Benny Lee
Music by Ronnie Hazlehurst.
Producer: Trafford Whitelock.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1970.
SAT 09:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b1txr3)
All Play and No Work Makes Jill an Unemployment Statistic
Dorothy and Edward Atkinson are Sidcup's premier warring couple with a marriage to challenge even the most determined of counsellors.
Dorothy is keen to land a job, but what about cooking Edward's dinner?
Starring Hugh Paddick and Betty Marsden.
Barry Pilton's marital mayhem sitcom.
Edward Hugh Paddick
Dorothy Betty Marsden
With:
Alison Steadman
Bill Wallis
After notching up multiple BBC radio series together of 'Beyond Our Ken' and 'Round The Home' - most memorably as ageing juvenile Binkie Huckaback and Dame Celia Molestrangler - Hugh and Betty were reunited on-air, almost a decade later in 'The 27 Year Itch'.
Producer: Geoffrey Perkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1978.
SAT 10:00 Cook and Greenaway: In Perfect Harmony (m001716v)
Celebrating the incredible careers of the song-writing duo Roger Cook and Roger Greenaway.
Born in Bristol, the award-winning partnership wrote some of the biggest songs in music history, for some of the biggest names.
Cook went on to have phenomenal success in Nashville and Greenaway with the Drifters in the UK.
Together they've enjoyed an unbelievable career spanning seven decades.
Producer: Tom Ryan
Made for BBC Radio Bristol and first broadcast in 2021.
SAT 11:00 RET Lamb - My Brother's Keeper (m001vcsm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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SAT 16:45 Mrs Jones by Dorothy K Haynes (b0b3g0qf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:45 today]
SAT 17:00 RET Lamb - My Brother's Keeper (m001vcsm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:15 Food For Thought by Vincent McInerney (b076zs8z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
SAT 18:30 Three-a-Penny by Lucy Malleson (Omnibus) (m000cb3s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 Uncle Mort's Celtic Fringe (b007jnbj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 Not in Front of the Children (b08gjzsv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 The 27-Year Itch (b0b1txr3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Cook and Greenaway: In Perfect Harmony (m001716v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Open Letters (b01h771n)
Series 2
Low Cost Airlines
Are low-cost airlines all they are cracked up to be?
If Tom does enough online check-ins, can he legitimately claim to be part-time staff and get an invite to the Christmas do?
Award-winning comic Tom Wrigglesworth performs another of his open letters.
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth, James Kettle and Miles Jupp.
Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.
SAT 22:30 The Nick Revell Show (b007jp51)
Series 1
Headache
Struggling writer Nick's mate Craig proves a headache, while Vince the geranium encounters a bee
A sitcom for the 1990s, written by and starring comedian Nick Revell.
With:
Alistair McGowan
Caroline Gruber
Brian Bowles
Doon Mackichan
Alison Sterling
Producer: Jon Magnusson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.
SAT 23:00 Vent (b01dlg0k)
Series 3
Ladies and Gentlemen
Ben makes the ambulance journey home to begin life in a wheelchair.
On the way he remembers an argument about cheesecake, invents a panel game and meets Buzz Aldrin.
Starring Neil Pearson.
Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.
Ben Neil Pearson
Mary Fiona Allen
Mum Josie Lawrence
Blitz Leslie Ash
Nurse Jo Martin
Derek Stephen Frost
Marley Spencer Brown
Chairman Robert Webb
Buzz Peter Banks
Announcer Bruce Alexander
Bea Scarlet Milburn-Smith
Director: Nigel Smith.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
SAT 23:30 Hut 33 (b00lqm2)
Series 1
Careless Talk
A security breach at Bletchley Park puts the wartime code-breakers under suspicion.
James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941.
Three code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut, as they try to break German ciphers. Unfortunately, they hate each other.
Charles Robert Bathurst
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Minka Olivia Colman
Gordon Fergus Craig
Joshua Alex MacQueen
With Miranda Raison.
Producer: Adam Bromley.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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SUN 00:00 Yevgeny Zamyatin - We (b007612s)
1. Rationality
In a post-revolutionary future, OneState is ruled according to the principles of rationality. The penalty for dissent is death.
D-503, the chief engineer of the state, meets the beautiful 1-330. Her initial intentions seem innocent, but soon D starts to question her identity and indeed his own.
Starring Anton Lesser, Don Warrington and Brigit Forsyth.
The first great dystopian novel of the 20th century, written in secret in early Soviet Russia by Yevgeny Zamyatin.
D-503 Anton Lesser
R-13 Don Warrington
U Brigit Forsyth
1-330 Joanna Riding
0-90 Julia Rountthwaite
Benefactor Russell Dixon
Tannoy Emma Clarke
Babushka Judith Davis
S Patrick Bridgman
2nd Engineer Paul Viragh
Dramatised in two-parts by Sean O'Brien.

Director: Jim Poyser
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
SUN 01:00 RET Lamb - My Brother's Keeper (m001vcsm)
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SUN 02:15 Food For Thought by Vincent McInerney (b076zs8z)
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SUN 06:00 Poetry Extra (m001vcsg)
The Miners' Way
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and, in the week that the TS Eliot prize is announced [14.1.2024] he chooses to feature a programme about one of the nominees - Jane Clarke - shortlisted for her collection A Change in the Air.
The Irish poet Jane Clarke lives in Glenmalur, a remote and rugged valley in County Wicklow, Ireland. The valley marks the start of the Miners' Way, a long-distance path developed by a local community group, traversing three Wicklow valleys, Glenmalur, Glendalough and Glendasan, and taking in six old, disused mine sites.
The Miners' Way has inspired Jane to write a sequence of poems responding to this rich natural and cultural heritage.
As she walks the Miners' Way, Jane meets some of her neighbours - local historian Carmel O'Toole, farmer Pat Dunne and mountain leader Charles O'Byrne.
She also visits Robbie Carter, one of the few people who can talk first-hand about working in these valleys in the mining industry, which came to an end in 1957. Now in his 80s, Robbie became a miner at the age of 16. He describes his life as a miner in the mid-20th century and the story of a fatal mining accident in January 1957. Robbie was seriously injured and never worked in a mine again.
The poems in the programme by Jane Clarke include Birthing the Lamb from her 2019 collection When the Tree Falls.
All other poems are inspired by the landscape, heritage and stories of the Miners' Way.
Producer: Claire Cunningham
Executive Producer: Julien Clancy
A Rockfinch production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.
SUN 06:30 Coming Up For Air by George Orwell (Omnibus) (m000dhn0)
Episode 1
An overweight, married, middle-aged insurance salesman surveys his life while reflecting on the country he finds himself living in.
George Orwell's novel - written in 1939 - was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War.
It offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.
The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.
Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Ellin Stein.
Read by Tim McInerney.
Producer: Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.
SUN 07:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001vcss)
Kate Bottley
'Gogglebox' vicar Kate Bottley, chooses 'Jailhouse Rock' by Elvis Presley and 'Come Healing' by Leonard Cohen.
SUN 07:50 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (Omnibus) (b08cd2sj)
Episode 2
Three years have passed since we were last with the March girls. War is now over and John Brooke is safely home. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to Meg and John's wedding.
Conclusion of Louisa May Alcott's coming of age story about love, destiny and freedom.
Omnibus of the last five of ten episodes dramatised by Rhianon Tise.
Laurie Alex Lanipekun
Mrs March Tara Ward
Meg Natasha Barnes
Jo Julianna Jennings
Amy Samantha Dakin
Aunt March Joanna Monro
Mr Brooke Finlay Robertson
Mr March John Bowler
Director: Tracey Neale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2017.
SUN 09:00 Frankie Howerd (m001vcsv)
Series 4
Episode 2

The King of Titters takes his driving test and recalls wartime escapades.
Frankie takes a comic look back through his eventful life and illustrious career.

Written by David McKellar and David Nobbs.

With:

Ray Fell

Barbara Mitchell

Christopher Scouler

April Walker

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1975.

SUN 09:30 The Navy Lark (m001vcvx)

Series 10

The Anti-Submarine Missile Launcher

Can the crew of HMS Troutbridge handle the trial of a new top secret missile system?

Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.

Laughs aloft aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.

Written by Lawrie Wyman.

The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips

The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee

The Number One Stephen Murray

Captain Povey Richard Caldicot

Mrs Povey Heather Chasen

The Admiral / Leading Seaman Goldstein... Tenniel Evans

Leading Seaman Harper ... Nigel Graham

Vice Admiral Buttonsaw Jon Pertwee

The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.

Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in November 1968.

SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001vcvx)

Illustrators 2

Mairi Hedderwick

Author and illustrator Mairi Hedderwick is castaway by Kirsty Young.

Her most famous creation is a little red-haired character called Katie Morag who - in wellies and a kilt - has skipped her way through fourteen books and a 26-part TV series. Katie lives on the imaginary Isle of Struay with her parents, siblings, cousins, granny and prize-winning sheep Alecina.

Like her creator she relishes the rhythms and freedoms particular to life on a wee Scottish island. But that's where the similarities end - the author was born and brought up on an only child on the mainland of the lowlands. She lost her father when she was just twelve and says she was never part of a close-knit family.

As a grown-up, all she wanted was to quit the rat race and be an island crofter, but after a decade she left her dream behind in favour of a more stable income and a secondary school for her children.

She says, "I have a notion that children's writers explore unresolved questions in their own childhoods. I certainly do."

DISC ONE: Gramma Mainland Theme - Donald Shaw; Anna Massie; Aidan O'Rourke; Nathan Jones; Dobro & Signy Jakobsdotir

DISC TWO: Over the Hills and Far Away: Tom Tom the

Piper's Son - Martin Carthy & Isla St Clair

DISC THREE: My Blue Heaven - Frank Sinatra

DISC FOUR: Johann Sebastian Bach's Double Violin Concerto in D minor (3rd movement) - Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Jaime Laredo, John Tunnell

DISC FIVE: Telegraph Road - Dire Straits

DISC SIX: Mambo de la Luna - Kirsty MacColl

DISC SEVEN: Sergey Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2 in E Minor (3rd movement) - Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra with Lorin Maazel

DISC EIGHT: Einojuhani Rautavaara's Cantus Arcticus (Concerto for Birds and Orchestra) - Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra with Robin Ticciati

BOOK CHOICE: A book containing all the Ordnance Survey maps of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland

LUXURY CHOICE: A wonderful bath that comes down from the skies

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Einojuhani Rautavaara's Cantus Arcticus (Concerto for Birds and Orchestra) - Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra with Robin Ticciati

Producer: Christine Pawlowsky

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (h00z5xr)

Series 2

Wallace

It was the great travel books written in the 19th century by Alfred Russel Wallace that inspired Sir David Attenborough himself to achieve great things in the realm of natural history. But Attenborough tells us that Wallace was more than just a great travel writer.

His power of meticulous observation and recording as he explored many parts of the world were in the highest league imaginable, even for Victorian standards - and his power of analysis very much in line with Darwin, his great contemporary. Wallace independently came up with a theory of evolution that was in parallel to Darwin's thinking - two field naturalists breaking huge conventions of the time and coming up with the single most important theory in Biology. How did they resolve the conflict between themselves?

Written and presented by David Attenborough

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00z5xr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

SUN 22:00 The Confessional (m000vgfs)

Series 1

The Confession of Dr. Phil Hammond

Actor, comedian and broadcaster Stephen Mangan presents a comedy chat show about shame and guilt.

In each episode, Stephen invites a different guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions - with remarkable storytelling and surprising insights.

In this unconventional chat show, he wants to see what really makes them tick by finding out what they are ashamed of! Stephen and his guest reflect with empathy and humour on why we get embarrassed, where our shame thresholds should be, and the value of guilt.

In this episode, Phil Hammond, doctor, journalist and the medical correspondent for Private Eye, delivers some eye watering accounts of youthful mistakes, dubious diagnoses and Twitter (formally known as) storms.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

With extra material by Nick Doody

Later guests include Joan Bakewell, Clarke Peters and Phil Wang.

Producers: Dave Anderson & Frank Stirling
A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.

SUN 22:30 Ruby Wax - Frazzled (m0004t03)

Episode 2

Ruby Wax talks about mental health in her inimitable style. She's focusing on how we are all frazzled, how we got to be that way and what we can do about it - using comedy, mindfulness and chat with the audience.

Ruby has the knowledge - a Master's degree in mindfulness-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. She also has the experience after years of struggles with mental health. And of course she has the comic gifts to say it in an articulate, funny and entertaining way.

In this show, she wants to make us laugh at her and at ourselves, make our lives feel more manageable, and share tools for how to cope.

Written and performed by Ruby Wax

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2019.

SUN 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m0018q02)

Series 4

Celeb-Finder General

The year is 2008 and whilst Mel and Vicki are principally concerned with selling their flat, the country is in the grip of a violent backlash against celebrities.

Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Lewis MacLeod

Jim North

Written Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell

Additional material by Mel Hudson, Vicki Pepperdine and Jim North

Music by Richie Webb.

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.

SUN 23:30 The In Crowd (b00sf7tp)

Series 3

Episode 2

How to open a pocket museum.

How not to purchase a smoke alarm.

Plus, how not to go about being a medium, an auctioneer or a tramp.

The ever helpful sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

With:

Robin Ince

Helen Moon

Smug Roberts

Kate Ward

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024

MON 00:00 Poetry Extra (m001vcxq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Coming Up For Air by George Orwell (Omnibus) (m000dhn0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:40 Inheritance Tracks (m001vcsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 on Sunday]

MON 01:50 Louisa May Alcott - Little Women (Omnibus) (b08cd2sj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:50 on Sunday]

MON 03:00 Frankie Howerd (m001vcsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 The Navy Lark (m001vcvx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Sunday]

MON 04:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001vcsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 04:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00z5xr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Henry James (b08z9dc8)

The Portrait of a Lady

1. Freedom

Henry James' masterpiece about desire and freedom.

Arriving in England from her native America Isabel Archer immediately draws attention because of her intelligence, candour and independent spirit.

Isabel is pursued by two suitors but determined to explore what the world has to offer she strives to have the freedom to determine her own future declaring she will never marry. Seeing her desire to break away from the conventions of her society and pursue her own course, her cousin Ralph does something extraordinary.

Starring John Lynch and Joanna Vanderham.

Dramatised in three parts by Linda Marshall Griffiths.

Henry James John Lynch

Isabel Archer Joanna Vanderham

Ralph Touchett Sacha Dhawan

Lord Warburton Ifan Meredith

Mr Touchett Jonathan Keeble

Mrs Touchett Frances Barber

Henrietta Stackpole Lara Rossi

Caspar Goodwood Samuel Edward-Cook

Madam Merle Susan Lynch

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

MON 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tnmy)

Inspector West at Bay

3. Encounter with an Eve

Scotland Yard investigate suspects who might be sending threatening letters...

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Detective Inspector Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on Radio 2 in May 1969.

MON 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010pk9)

4. The Hunter

Inspector Mahmoud and Mr. Wilder are increasingly concerned for the safety of Elizabeth Warwick, who is visiting her father's former excavations in Upper Egypt.

Now a mysterious stranger has appeared demanding that Elizabeth be brought to him at all costs - and at once.

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick ... Sheila Grant

Mahmoud ... James Thomson

Mr Wilder ... John Humphry

Fuaa ... David Spenser

Charles Villiers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers ... Marion Mattiie

Acimed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Bertie Pingle ... Barry Lowe

O'Hara ... Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ... John Justin

The stranger ... Christopher Bidmead

Abdullah ... Antony Vaccars
Dr Fawzad ... Nigel Anthony
Producer: John Tydeman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.
MON 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dj9x)
6. Job
George Bowling tells us how he got a job after the First World War after a chance meeting with an old army commander. It seems he's headed for insurance.
George Orwell's novel - written in 1939 - was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War.
It offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.
The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.
Abridged in ten parts by Elin Stein.
Read by Tim McInnerny.
Producer: Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.
MON 07:15 Highlights (b07lfn5f)
Highlights - Natural Bounce
1. Ready, Steady, Grow!
Bev and ShirI, the world's worst hairdressers, are providing the locals with hairdynamic cuts in time for the local fun run - the annual 'Bridgford Trot'.
Bev then decides there's money to be made from the fitness biz - and considers expanding her salon
Return of the comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.
Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding
Bev Lorraine Ashbourne
ShirI Rosie Cavaliero
Mr Butt James Lailey
Nigel Chris Pavlo
Director: Liz Webb
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.
MON 07:30 Cracking Up (m000218f)
Series 2
Risky Business
A radio report about frozen toilet-waste detaching from aeroplanes and falling with fatal consequences prompts divorcee and psychotherapist Spencer Pandy to issue ex-wife Tina with a series of directives aimed at ensuring the safety of their children.
An altercation between Spencer and a Special Needs Transport driver prompts him into the character of his alter-ego the Health and Safety Guardian he christens 'The Pandyman'.
Meanwhile 11-year-old daughter Tilly has heard (but not understood) the word 'brother' and proceeds to proclaim it at every opportunity.
Tina visits an IVF clinic to explore the possibility of her and boyfriend Owen becoming parents but 'around late 2011 there was an anomaly with the facility, a malfunction that meant something frozen didn't stay frozen and something tiny disappeared. Hope.'
Spencer becomes embroiled in a lengthy misunderstanding with a pilot regarding how frequently the man goes to the toilet on a long flight and then demonstrates the difficulty involved in bringing any period of therapy to a close.
Dylan cycles round to visit Spencer who's delighted to see the sturdy motorcycle crash helmet intended to protect him from '25 kilos of frozen wee wee' only to explode with rage when he realises the helmet belongs to Owen.
Spencer Pandy Michael Hobbs
Tina Pandy Katherine Jakeways
Dylan Pandy Jack Burke
Tilly Pandy Betty Daukes
Mrs Roberts Pepper Daukes
Owen Jay Simpson
With Rebecca Clay and Paul Shearer
Produced by Johnny Daukes.
A Big Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.
MON 08:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)
Series 3
Robbery With Violence
Terrified Albert lies to son Harold after accidentally breaking his treasured porcelain collection.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.
Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett
Inspector Dudley Foster
With:
Garrard Green
Edward Kelsey
Trevor Martin
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1971.
MON 08:30 After Henry (b00759f)
Series 4

Keeping Faith
"Anyone brought up on the Bible would automatically know that it's wrong to have a milk bottle on the table."
When Clare revokes her faith in God, her mother and granny are none too pleased.
Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women.
Each is struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband, yet they never quite manage to see eye-to-eye.
Sarah Prunella Scales
Eleanor Joan Sanderson
Russell Benjamin Whitrow
Clare Gerry Cowper
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.
MON 09:00 Elephant in the Room (m0007679)
Series 1
Episode 6
Sarah Millican hosts a panel show using surveys to discover who is the most Average Jolene and who is the most Maverick Matilda.
On the sparkling panel:
Zoe Lyons
Kerry Godliam
Lou Conran
Jason Cook
Surveys on subjects including childhood, daily rituals and favourite cheese are the basis for Sarah's questions to the panellists, discovering who is the closest to, and furthest from, the average. Surprising quirks, hilarious insights and unexpected anecdotes are revealed along the way.
The winner will be the most average. But joint winner will be the most different, the furthest from the norm.
A little bit like a dinner party, but one where you know all of the spoons.
A Chopsy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.
MON 09:30 Acropolis Now (b007n1x9)
Series 1
Gods
It's Socrates' birthday, so it's up to The Affable Ones take him to the underworld.
Ancient Greek comedy by Lynne Truss.
Heraclitus Stephen Moore
Aristophanes Alan Cox
Socrates Robert Hardy
The Oracle Rosemary Leach
Plato Tom George
Xanthippe Rachel Atkins
The Chorus Gavin Muir
Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Brian King.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.
MON 10:00 Henry James (b08z9dc8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
MON 11:00 Stand By For West (m000tmny)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010pk9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dj9x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:15 Highlights (b07lfn5f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
MON 12:30 Cracking Up (m000218f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 After Henry (b00759f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 14:00 Elephant in the Room (m0007679)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 14:30 Acropolis Now (b007n1x9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 15:00 Henry James (b08z9dc8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]
MON 16:00 Stand By For West (m000tmny)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 16:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010pk9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 17:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dj9x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:15 Highlights (b07lfn5f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]
MON 17:30 Cracking Up (m000218f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 18:30 After Henry (b00759f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:00 Elephant in the Room (m0007679)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 19:30 Acropolis Now (b007n1x9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 20:00 The Moth Radio Hour (m0015bqz)
Series 12
It's the Little Things
True stories told live in the USA: Jenifer Hixson introduces tales full of questions, from pleas to childhood curiosity.
The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organisation dedicated

to the art and craft of storytelling based in the USA.
Since 1997, it has celebrated both the raconteur and the storytelling novice, who has lived through something extraordinary and yearns to share it.
Originally formed by the writer George Dawes Green as an intimate gathering of friends on a porch in Georgia (where moths would flutter in through a hole in the screen), and then recreated in a New York City living room, The Moth quickly grew to produce immensely popular events at theatres and clubs around New York City and later around the USA, the UK and other parts of the world.
The Moth has presented more than 15,000 stories, told live and without notes, to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 27 million times a year. Featuring true stories told live on stage without scripts, from the humorous to the heart-breaking.
The Moth Radio Hour is produced by Jay Allison and Atlantic Public Media in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and is distributed by the Public Radio Exchange.
First heard on PRX in 2020.
MON 20:55 Inheritance Tracks (b04dz3p0)
Tom Jones
Welsh singing legend Tom Jones chooses Vaughn Monroe's 'Riders in the Sky' and 'Whole Lot of Shakin Goin On' by Jerry Lee Lewis.
MON 21:00 A Good Read (b074x9ph)
Russell Kane and Peter Lord
Aardman animations co-founder Peter Lord and comedian Russell Kane join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Susan Pinker, Russell Hoban and Nathaneal West. Riddley Walker by Russell Hoban,
Publisher: Bloomsbury
The Village Effect by Susan Pinker,
Publisher: Atlantic Books
Miss Lonelyhearts by Nathaneal West.
Publisher: Daunt Books
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.
MON 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n2jb3)
6. Labour
Ruth is furious when Harry learns that his wife Janice is in labour and rushes off, arriving at the hospital full of fear, only to fall head over heels for his new baby daughter.
Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-winning quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom.
We meet him as a 26-year-old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.
Abridged by Eileen Horne
Read by Toby Jones.
Producer: Clive Brill
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.
MON 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m0002g4v)
6. Investigations
Steve continues to investigate what really happened on the night of Zoe's murder ten years ago.
How could he have got it so wrong?
Someone is not telling the truth.
A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town.
Written by Claire McGowan.
Golden girl Zoe's been dead for 10 years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school.
But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time.
What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?
Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder.
Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up - but if she's not even dead, then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name.
But does he really know nothing about what happened?
Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something?
There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't where she said she was on that night ten years ago.
When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead.
Zoe Clare Dunne
Steve Richard Clements
Producer: Celia De Wolff
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m001v3h3)
Series 92
1. A Double Date with Prince Rainier, Hilda Ogden and Sophia Loren
Sue Perkins challenges Paul Merton, Daliso Chaponda, Kerry Godliam, and Zoe Lyons to speak for 60 seconds without

repetition, deviation or hesitation.

The long-running Radio 4 panel game is back for a new series with subjects this week ranging from How To Impress At Wine Tasting To Commemorative Plates.

Production Co-ordinator: Sarah Nicholls
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Producer: Rajiv Karia

An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 22:30 Hal (b08m9flm)

Series 2

Racists

As his wife is nominated for Business Woman of the Year, Hal is interviewed on local news and inadvertently becomes an internet sensation.

Hapless house husband Hal Cruttenden is still trying to cope with his mid-life crisis and doubting his every move.

Written by Hal Cruttenden and Dominic Holland.

Hal Hal Cruttenden

Sam Kerry Godliman

Penny Ronni Ancona

Pippa Abigail Cruttenden

Fergus Ed Byrne

Barry Gavin Webster

Oberon Arthur Hughes

Therapist Jonathan Kydd

Ian Jonathan Kydd

Photographer Jonathan Kydd

Interviewer Simon Greenall

Gianni Simon Greenall

Mahmoud Arian Nik

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m001v41b)

Series 113

Episode 2

Andy Zaltzman quizzes the week's news. Providing all the answers are Ian Smith, Geoff Norcott, Shaparak Khorsandi and Ayesha Hazarika

In this episode Andy and the panel dive into a news story that seemingly took over 20 years to be delivered and look ahead to the big elections coming up in 2024 both at home and abroad. Written by Andy Zaltzman

With additional material by: Cody Dahler, Mike Shephard and Jade Gebbie

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Co-ordinator: Sarah Nicholls

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

MON 23:30 Concrete Cow (b0076jk4)

Series 2

Ancient and Modern

IT support in ancient Egypt, tax-avoidance schemes for pirates and Feudal Mishap Direct.

Second series of the four-part sketch show in which anything is possible.

Starring:

Robert Webb

Beth Chalmers

Catherine Shepherd

Steven Kynman

Abigail Burdiss

Chris Pavlo

Written by James Cary.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2024

TUE 00:00 Henry James (b08z9dc8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Stand By For West (m000tmy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010pk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000d99x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:15 Highlights (b071fn5f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Cracking Up (m000218f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Steptoe and Son (b007k01b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 After Henry (b007159f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Elephant in the Room (m0007679)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Acropolis Now (b007n1x9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Henry James (b08zzxzz)

The Portrait of a Lady

2. Italy

Henry James' masterpiece about desire and freedom.

Isabel's unexpected inheritance means that she is free to make her own choice about her destiny.

She travels to Italy with her aunt Mrs Touchett and there she becomes close to Madame Merle who introduces her to Gilbert Osmond, a man of no social standing or wealth, a widower with a young daughter.

Isabel is inexplicably drawn to him despite the warnings from her cousin Ralph and her aunt.

Dramatised by Linda Marshall Griffiths.

Henry James John Lynch

Isabel Archer Joanna Vanderham

Ralph Touchett Sacha Dhawan

Mrs Touchett Frances Barber

Madame Merle Susan Lynch

Gilbert Osmond Joseph Millson

Pansy Amelia Clarkson

Countess Gemini Chetna Pandya

Lord Warburton Ifan Meredith

Caspar Goodwood Samuel Edward-Cook

Directed by Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

TUE 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tp74)

Inspector West at Bay

4. Conflict in Kensington

Inspector West of Scotland Yard focuses on a former prison inmate and his secretary's flat.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Detective Inspector Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Clara Kennedy Margaret Woolfit

Peter Kennedy John Pullen

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on Radio 2 in June 1969.

TUE 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010ppx)

5. A Face in the Crowd

Inspector Mahmoud has given Elizabeth a warning.

Whatever secret she knows about the Harshak Tomb - excavated by her father in Luxor - is placing her life in danger. The danger is all too real.

She was last seen at a local cinema, but now has disappeared without trace.

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick.....Sheila Grant

Mahmoud.....James Thomason

Mr Wilder.....John Humphry

Fuad.....David Spenser

Charles VilliersRolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers.....Marion Mathie

Abdullah.....Antony Viccars

Bertie Pringle.....Barry Lowe

Captain Aziz.....John Justin

Michael WarwickChristopher Bidmead

O'Hara.....Denis McCarthy

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

TUE 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dfpf)

7. Old Friend

George Bowling tells us about going to meet his old friend

Porteous, a learned man who nevertheless seems to be in denial about the forthcoming Second World War.

Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.

The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.

Abridged by Elin Stein.

Read by Tim McInerney.

Produced by Clive Brill.

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

TUE 07:15 Highlights (b071fz5r)

Highlights - Natural Bounce

2. Vicar in a Twist

The world's worst hairdressers install a dodgy gym in the flat above the salon and Bev tries to persuade Harriet, the local vicar in Bridgeford, to enrol.

Five-part comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.

Written by Phil Nodding and Steve Chambers

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirl Rosie Cavaliero

Harriet Carolyn Pickles

Daz Sam Rix

Director: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

TUE 07:30 Teatime (m000fx1w)

Episode 3

In an attempt to prove to Donna (and to himself) that he's got his life back on track, Joe starts a new business venture,

working from home as a Wellness Coach. He knows nothing about 'wellness' and the home he wants to work from belongs to Vicky and Rav. Despite obvious misgivings, the family get sucked into Joe's new idea.

Comedy by Katherine Jakeways about a chaotic but loving family.

Joe.....Philip Glenister

Donna.....Samantha Spiro

Vicky.....Aimee-Ffion Edwards

Rav.....Prasanna Puvanarajah

Lisa.....Katie Redford

Uncle Bob.....Steven Brandon

Producer Sam Ward

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.

TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b00fwc2t)

Vintage Goons

The Ink Shortage

Sir Bernard Seagoon sets out to corner the world market for writing materials.

Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale overseas.

With The Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Roy Speer

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1954.

Re-recording from December 1957 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.

First broadcast in the UK on BBC Radio 7 in 2008.

TUE 08:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b009hsqj)

Series 1

Episode 3

Management and publicity problems plague the return of duo Tommy and Sheila.

Winners of the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr are back in the limelight. The only snag is they can't stand the sight of each other...

Mike Coleman's sitcom stars June Whitfield and Roy Hudd.

Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd

Sheila Parr June Whitfield

With Pat Coombs, Julian Eardley, Joshua Henderson, Edward

Halsted, Rachel Smith and Jenny Lee.

Singers: John Barr and Lisa Peace.

Music by Frido Ruth.

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998.

TUE 09:00 Quote... Unquote (m000nv5n)

Paterson Joseph, Juno Dawson, Jonathan Freedland

Nigel Rees quizzes his celebrity guests on the origins of sayings and well-known quotes, and gets the famous panel to share their favourite anecdotes and quotes.

With:

Actor Paterson Joseph, known for Noughts + Crosses, Timeless, Peep Show and Neverwhere

Young Adult Author Juno Dawson, known for The Good Doctor, Meat Market and Margot & Me Broadcaster

Writer Jonathan Freedland, also known by his pen name as thriller writer Sam Bourne

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2020.

TUE 09:30 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b096gspx)

Series 2

Case #96 - Community Disservice

The return of acclaimed double-act Max and Ivan as incompetent private detectives for hire.

Joanna Lumley guest stars.

The detectives investigate a series of mysterious thefts which threaten the very future of Nunhead Community Centre.

Assisted by the permanently tired caretaker Gerry, they track the chief suspect, washed-up former B-Movie actress Lavinia Moncrief and eventually have to go undercover to infiltrate her bizarre acting classes. Also featuring bell ringers, hypnotism and a mutant komodo dragon.

Written by and Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez.

Max Max Olesker

Ivan Ivan Gonzalez

Lavinia Moncrief Joanna Lumley

Gerry Glossop David Reed

Andromedo David Reed

Battle re-enactor David Reed

Narrator Lewis Macleod

Malcolm McMichaelmas Lewis Macleod

Soulless property developer Lewis Macleod

Janet from the council Lolly Adefope

Bell-ringer Lolly Adefope

Developed by John Stanley Productions

Producer: Ben Walker

A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

TUE 10:00 Henry James (b08zzxzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

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TUE 20:00 TED Radio Hour (m0018gn5)

Series 9

A Glimpse into the Future

A journey through fascinating ideas based on talks by riveting speakers on the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) stage.

Manoush Zomorodi explores how innovation, from transport to wellness, will transform our lives. With futurist, Amy Webb. First broadcast in the USA on National Public Radio in 2021.

TUE 20:50 Inheritance Tracks (b065xjzp)

Rafe Spall

Actor Rafe Spall chooses 'Cherry Coloured Funk' by the Cocteau Twins and Kate Bush's 'And So Is Love'.

TUE 21:00 Sideways (m000sh8z)

3. The West and the Rest

Did a shift in our sexual behaviour 2000 years ago lead to the rise of the west as a globally dominant force?

Matthew Syed wants to put the western mind in the spotlight. There's a good reason for doing this. It turns out that 96% of psychological experiments have been carried out on western students. Why is this? Because western students are easy to access for a psychologist working in a university.

This might sound convenient, but there's a problem - it turns out that westerners think in a particular way. Easily reproducible experimental findings in the west don't stack up when you use non-western subjects. Many of our classical assertions about the workings of the human mind are based entirely on the western human mind.

Matthew digs into the deep roots of the western mind and asks whether a ban on cousin marriage triggered a surge of innovation in the west as tribal boundaries broke down.

It's an intriguing theory, but does it stack up? Matthew is determined to find out.

Producer: Robbie MacInnes

Music, Sound Design and Mix: Benbrick

Series Editor: Russell Finch

Executive Producer: Sean Glynn and Max O'Brien

A Novel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2021.

TUE 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n2wt2)

7. Reunited

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American author of his generation.

Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-winning quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Rabbit is reunited with his wife, his old basketball coach and his in-laws, and turns over a new leaf. Yet he can't help wondering if the minister's wife Lucy is flirting with him.

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Home

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

TUE 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m00021jw)

7. A Friend

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan.

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for ten years, her body dragged

from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder. Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up – but if she's not even dead, then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name. But does he really know nothing about what happened?

Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't were she said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead. Steve Richard Clements

Paul Aston Kelly

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

TUE 22:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001v3kj)

Series 2

Episode 2: Kim Kardashian v E.T.

Steph McGovern asks some seriously funny minds to offer definitive answers to the great questions of our age. Or not.

Welcome to the world's most devious game of Would You Rather? With guests Amy Gledhill and Ian Smith.

Host: Steph McGovern

Guests: Amy Gledhill and Ian Smith

Devised and written by Jon Harvey & Joseph Morpurgo

With additional material from Laura Major

Researcher: Leah Marks

Recorded and mixed by David Thomas

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producers: Ed Morrish and Polly Thomas

Photo: Carolyn Mendelsohn

A Naked production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (b07qbc8)

Series 1

The Letter

Stand-up comic Josh comes to terms with the impending birth of his first child.

Josh and his wife Monique go to the hospital to attend their 20 week scan. Unfortunately Monique has forgotten the appointment letter, which is the only thing Josh can now think about.

Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

With:

Jed Aukin

Liz Garland

Michael Legge

Shazia Mirza

Paul Tonkinson

Producer: Ashley Blaker

A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in August 2016.

TUE 23:00 Chain Reaction (b05417lh)

Series 10

Bob Mortimer talks to Vic Reeves

One half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, Bob Mortimer, talks to

The other half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, Vic Reeves. Vic & Bob are best known as the creators and stars of The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer, Shooting Stars and House of Fools.

Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

Producer: Charlie Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

TUE 23:30 Old Harry's Game (b00hr4lp)

Series 7

Episode 2

Satan needs to sort some stuff out with God but he has gone off to have some "me-time".

Then Hell receives its strangest visitor yet...

Andy Hamilton's devilishly funny sitcom set in Hell.

Satan.... Andy Hamilton

Edith Annette Crosbie

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

With Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

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WED 05:00 Henry James (b090vwx0)

The Portrait of a Lady

3. Escape

Henry James' masterpiece about desire and freedom.

We meet Isabel four years on and she is totally transformed by her marriage to Osmond.

What had seemed to be a path to freedom is now a narrowing tunnel closing in around her and it is clear to those who love her that Isabel is in trouble.

Isabel must find a way out if she is to save herself.

Dramatised by Linda Marshall Griffiths.

Henry James John Lynch

Isabel Joanna Vanderham

Ralph Sacha Dhawan

Henrietta Lara Rossi

Lord Warburton Ifan Meredith

Caspar Goodwood Samuel Edward-Cook

Madame Merle Susan Lynch

Pansy Amelia Clarkson

Gilbert Osmond Joseph Millson

Countess Gemini Chetna Pandya

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

WED 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tw31)

Inspector West at Bay

5. Package for Peril

Chief Inspector Roger West's investigations continue - until he receives a booby trapped package.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Hedley

Detective Inspector Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Peter Kennedy John Pullen

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

WED 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010qd9)

6. At the Point of a Triangle

Elizabeth Warwick was kidnapped by her brother Michael

who she thought was dead.

He's convinced that she knows the secret of the Harshak Tomb

at Luxor, but this Elizabeth denies.

Meanwhile Mahmoud and Wilder, in their search for her, learn

that she'll be at a village where the whirling Dervishes will

dance...

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick:Sheila Grant

Mahmoud:....James Thomason

Mr Wilder:....John Humphry

Fuad:....David Spenser

Charles VilliersRolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers:....Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby:....Haydn Jones

Bertie Pringle:....Barry Lowe

Michael WarwickChristopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

WED 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dgy9)

8. Lower Binfield

George Bowling tells us about his visit to his old stamping ground, Lower Binfield, where nothing seems to be quite the same as he remembers.

Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War

and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.

The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.

Abridged by Elin Stein.

Read by Tim McInerny.

Produced by Clive Brill.

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

WED 07:15 Highlites (b07lh8cp)

Highlites - Natural Bounce

3. Nothing to Hide

Bev and Shirl, the world's worst hairdressers, try to hide the fact that they have illegally opened a gym in the flat upstairs, when the owner of the flat, local butcher Nigel, comes to visit ...

Five-part comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon in Bridgeford.

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding.

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirl Rosie Cavaliero

Nigel Chris Pavlo

Enid Susan Jameson

Tony Sam Rix

Director: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

WED 07:30 Rumbblings from the Rafters (b07hwxhk)

House Fly and Soprano Pipistrelle Bat

Lee Mack and Pam Ferris star as an annoying house fly and a warm-hearted soprano pipistrelle bat as they reveal the truth about life in a draughty old attic in a house in Amersham.

Written and introduced by Lynne Truss.

House Fly Lee Mack

Soprano Pipistrelle Bat Pam Ferris

The House Fly loves life. "The best bit is the buzzing".

He loves the aerobatics, dodging the flypapers in the attic and "... my favourite manoeuvre, settling on the ceiling. It is unbelievably brilliant" He loves to buzz. But he also loves, what to humans, is a disgusting way of life. He loves to walk around on filth and to poo everywhere and to spread disease "And listen, we don't mind! Not at all. It's the least we can do". He would love to spread more diseases and takes great joy in telling us just exactly how he does this ... perhaps best not to listen if you're eating!

The Soprano Pipistrelle Bat is a very different creature: a tiny bat with a huge and loving heart. She is nine years old and has given birth to a single pup each year. Her newest pup, Jethro, is her darling; "... such a lovely little face. Chestnut fur. Perfect little ears. He smells like chicken flavour crisps. Ooh, I could eat him." He is six weeks old and weaning - proudly catching insects for himself; and this is always a poignant time for this mother-bat, where pride and sadness mingle.

The main concern with Jethro, she finds, is that he can't seem to grasp the idea of torpor. "Oh don't mum. Don't go torpid. It's like you're dying", but as she knows "torpor is nothing to be scared of. ... torpor is your friend".

Wildlife sound recordings by Chris Watson.

Producer Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

WED 08:00 Hancock's Half Hour (b008p8pl)

Series 5

The Prize Money

The Lad gets more than he bargained for when he wins a TV quiz show.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With Sidney James, Bill Kerr, Hattie Jacques and Kenneth Williams.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

WED 08:30 Lip Service (m00101w8)

Episode 6

Peter Rabbit is 'On the Psychiatrist's Couch' and a dramatisation of a forgotten work by Charles Dickens, 'David Chislehurst'

Plus a song about an eventful wedding from 'The Insisters'.

Sketches and songs written and performed by Maggie Fox and Sue Ryding.

With:

Malcolm Raeburn

Denise Coffey

Andrew Dodge

Producer: Lissa Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

WED 09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (b007jrcc)

Episode 1

Ghastly guests at a party and Goldilocks and the Three Bears performed as never before.

Chairman Clive Anderson hosts the famed improvisation game.

Regular team captains:

Stephen Fry

John Sessions

With:

Lenny Henry

Dawn French

It ran for 10 series on Channel 4 and found success in America, but the hit TV improvisation game actually started life on BBC radio.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

Devised and compiled by Mark Leveson.

Additional material by Martin Booth.

Producer: Dan Patterson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

WED 09:30 The Elephant Man (b007k2c7)

Keeper vs Keeper

There's a new arrival at the zoo and keeper Terry must mark his territory.

Peter Serafinowicz stars in Debbie Barham's sitcom about the life of an elephant zoo keeper.

Terry Peter Serafinowicz

Leonard Chris Emmett

Maureen Geraldine Fitzgerald

George Geoff Fitzgerald

Stephanie Joanna Munro

Adam Richard Pearce

Morse Wayne Forester

Producer: Richard Wilson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1996.

WED 10:00 Henry James (b090vwx0)

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WED 20:00 Archive on 4 (m00066xx)

The Age of Emulsion: with Laurence Llewelyn Bowen

Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen explores the social history of DIY home improvements, from Chintz to Changing Rooms and beyond.

The Age of Emulsion is a story about our changing attitudes to housing, consumerism, national identity, sense of individuality, class, politics, and relationships between the sexes.

Starting from the 1950s, Laurence draws on the rich TV and radio archive to show how DIY went from being a necessity after the Second World War, to a wholesome leisure activity, and a fully-blown national obsession.

What's clear is that TV and radio played a pivotal role. Britain's first hardware hero was Barry Bucknell whose Do It Yourself TV series launched in 1956, attracting 7 million viewers.

Magazines like Practical Householder advertised tools but also a modern lifestyle to go with it.

Over the next 50 years, TV and magazines would teach us practical skills and democratise interior design - from distressing, to rag rolling and stencilling. In the 90s, DIY became the new rock and roll, as reality makeover shows combined emotion AND emulsion. But what does our attitude say about us now? As DIY retailers struggle and millennials are blamed for their lack of skills, is this the end of the Age of Emulsion?

Laurence also sets two of his favourite interior decorating challenges to novice DIYers Mae-Li Evans and Calum Lynn.

Producer: Victoria Ferran

Executive Producer: Susan Marling

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2019.

WED 21:00 Short Cuts (b08497cx)

Series 10

The End of the Story

Josie Long presents stories on things drawing to a close - from stories captured, bottled and buried over time, to reflections at the end of a life well-lived.

The Kajakman

Produced by Rikke Houd

Too Many Miles

Originally produced for the Third Coast International Audio

Festival

<http://thirdcoastfestival.org/explore/feature/too-many-miles>

Produced by Stephanie Rowden and Jennifer Metsker

Harold

Featuring Harold Stevenson

Produced by Sarah Geis

Series Producer: Eleanor McDowall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2016.

WED 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n3wpq)

8. Baby

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American author of his generation.

Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-winning quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Janice brings the new baby home from hospital and Harry is overjoyed - until he is thwarted in his desires and decides to run again, at least for a night, with tragic consequences.

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

WED 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m0002rn4)

8. Abduction

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan.

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for ten years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

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But does he really know nothing about what happened?

Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't where she said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead.

Roisin Gallagher Danny

Sean Kearns Phil

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

WED 22:00 Clare in the Community (m0008nx4)

Series 12

Heartbroken

Clare is not feeling particularly sympathetic towards Brian after he's dramatically unwell. She's more concerned about delivering her showstopping palliative care package.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

We join Clare in her continued struggle to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer Alexandra Smith

A BBC Studios production

Clare.....SALLY PHILLIPS

Brian.....ALEX LOWE

Nali.....NINA CONTI

Doctor.....RICHARD LUMSDEN

Simon.....ANDREW WINCOTT

Libby.....SARAH KENDALL

Joan SARAH THOM

Cilla.....GBEMISOLA IKUMELO

WED 22:30 Delve Special (b007jq1p)

Series 3

A Rocket for Defence

Reporter David Lander investigates whether we really need the new 'Sea Snake' torpedo.

Every year each British taxpayer gives £700 to the Ministry of Defence for new nuclear weapons. Would we be better off putting an extra lock on the door and having a fortnight in Bermuda?

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.

Studio production by:

Jack Klaff

Brenda Blethyn

Harry Enfield

Dramatic reconstruction by:

Felicity Montagu

Robert Bathurst

Mark Arden

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as "This is David Lander".

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001vmqp)

Lou Conran talks to Connor Burns 1/2

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Connor Burns.

WED 23:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01by7cs)

Series 4

Sheffield

Comedian-activist Mark Thomas heads to Sheffield City Hall in search of new proposals for his People's Manifesto.

This week's agenda:

- 1) Councils to plant fruit trees in public spaces
- 2) 3 Years' free education for all between age 25 and retirement and
- 3) Buckingham Palace to be converted into homeless flats

Plus lots of "any other business" suggestions for the studio audience, including a novel approach to reducing knife crime.

Written and presented by Mark Thomas

Produced by Colin Anderson.

WED 23:30 Friends Like These (b0076xs8)

Casualties

An eventful road-trip along the M6 reunites ex-boy band members Mick and Alvin and forces them to confront their long-lost glory years.

Written by Neil Warhurst and Paul Barnhill.

Mick Paul Barnhill

Alvin Neil Warhurst

Part of a collection of comic plays about friendship, each featuring a different comedy partnership.

Director: Claudine Toutoungi

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

WED 23:45 The Goldfish Bowl (m000c56h)

Series 1

Episode 8

As their owners quarrel, is it the end for goldfish Anton and Liam?

Written by and starring Shaun Prendergast.

Martin Shaun Prendergast

Susan Sarah Parish

Anton Hamish McColl

Liam Sean Foley

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Sally Avens.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.

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THU 05:00 Shakespeare's Fire by Glyn Maxwell (b05syb62)

On a hot summer's afternoon, the Kings Men in Southwark are performing John Fletcher and William Shakespeare's Famous History of the Life of Henry VIII. On that scorching day in June 1613, the jewel of London's playhouses, The Globe, burnt down.

So much we know - we have eye witness accounts. Many questions remain unanswered though.

Are rumours of royal involvement to be credited? Did the Burbages really do well out of the fire? What is the connection between these events and the end of the career of England's most illustrious playwright? And where do a clown's trousers come into all this?

A comedy by Glyn Maxwell

Shakespeare.....Jasper Britton

Queen Anne.....Jane Horrocks

Henry Condell/John Fletcher.....Simon Greenall

Toby Tallboy.....Adam Gillen

Bess Wicks.....Rebecca Collingwood

Mary Bodley.....Nancy Carroll

Cat Peckam.....Emma Noakes

Burbage.....David Westhead

Director Frank Stirling

A Unique Broadcasting production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2015.

THU 05:45 The First Banana in England by Jonathan Treitel (m0002c8c)

"It is a yellow fruit. And long. Its flesh is as soft as butter and sweet as honey. If chopped in twain, you will see the sign of the cross on its middle...."

A fruity discovery made in Elizabethan times. Jonathan Treitel's short story read by Stephen Moore.

Producer: Duncan Minshull.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.

THU 06:00 Stand By For West (m000tvs2)

Inspector West at Bay

6. Shadow of Darkness

After opening a booby trapped parcel, Chief Inspector Roger

West lies in Moorfields eye hospital in London.

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

JanetSarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Hedley

Detective Inspector Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark LessingJames Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilerist

Charles Kennedy Ian Frost

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

THU 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010qhz)

7. When the Dervish Begins to Dance

Released by her brother, Elizabeth Warwick returns to

Inspector Mahmoud and tells him the secret of the Harshak

Tomb.

Her father believed it to contain the burial chamber of a

Pharaoh.

Together Mahmoud and Elizabeth enter the tomb, where they

find a body - but it's not the mummified corpse of the dead

Pharaoh...

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick.....Sheila Grant

Mahmoud.....James Thomason

Mr Wilder.....John Humphriy

Fuad.....David Spenser

Charles VilliersRolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers.....Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby.....Haydn Jones

Q'Hara.....Denis McCarthy

Dr Fawzad.....Nigel Anthony

Michael Warwick.....Christopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydemam

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

THU 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dg9z)

9. Ponder

George Bowling reflects further on the town where he used to live, Lower Binfield. He makes an expedition to the pond which used to be full of huge carp.

Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.

The reviews were among the best that Orwell had received for a novel. It sold 3,000 copies - a considerable improvement on the response to his previous works.

Abridged by Elin Stein.

Read by Tim McInerny.

Produced by Clive Brill.

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

THU 07:15 Highlites (b07hgyp)

Highlites - Natural Bounce

4. Smoke and Mirrors

Bev and Shirl, the world's worst hairdressers, try to distract Bridgeford's local cop Wendy, from doing a health and safety inspection on their dodgy upstairs gym.

Five-part comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirl Rosie Cavaliero

Wendy Nicola Ferguson

Mr Butt James Lailey

Director: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

THU 07:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b0507mbg)

Series 2

A Royal Visit

Mad about the monarchy.

Stephen K Amos's sitcom about growing up black, gay and

funny in 1980s south London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

Stephen K Amos ... Stephen K Amos

Young Stephen ... Shaquille Ali-Yebuah

Stephanie Amos ... Fatou Sohna

Virginia Amos ... Ellen Thomas

Vincent Amos ... Don Gilet

Miss Bliss ... Michelle Buttery

Jayson Jackson ... Frankie Wilson

Margaret Cabourn-Smith ... Fergie

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.

THU 08:00 Dad's Army (b007jntl)

Series 2

Getting the Bird

Lance Corporal Jones is short of meat at his butcher's shop, so

Private Walker arranges a special off-ration supply.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard

platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV

scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Fraser John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

The Vicar Frank Williams

Sergeant Wilson's Daughter Diana Bishop

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

THU 08:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007jqz5)

5. Having A Field Day

The dear ladies must tackle the curse of the village carnival.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr

Evadne Hinge.

Another extract of life from the genteel setting of the Stackton

Tressel - the Suffolk village where the musical duo reside.

Written by Gerald Frow.

Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Pyffe

Maud Daphne Heard

Special guest: Anthony Sharp

Music played by Frank Williams.

The ladies made three series for BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990.

In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.

Producer: John Dyas :

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1983.

THU 09:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)

Episode 6

Animal, vegetable or mineral?

Barry Took hosts a revised version of popular radio parlour game of 20 questions.

On the panel:

Geoffrey Durham

Neil Innes

Jan Ravens

Written by Michael Dines.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

THU 09:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01n7jww)

Series 2

Claudine

Jason learns to drive and Michael finds a job, but are there strings attached?

The lives of the Stockport-based, Conroy family - in series 2 of Damian Lanigan and Jim Poyser's comedy drama.

Jason Andrew Knott

Maureen Beverley Callard

Eddie John Henshaw

Michael Jason Done

Claudine Brigit Forsyth

Gordon Robin Bowerman

Music: Big George

Producer: Neil Mossey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

THU 10:00 Shakespeare's Fire by Glyn Maxwell (b05syb62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:00 today]

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THU 11:00 Stand By For West (m000tvs2)

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THU 11:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010qhz)

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THU 12:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dg9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:15 Highlites (b07hgyp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 12:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b0507mbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Dad's Army (b007jntl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007jqz5)

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THU 14:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 14:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01n7jww)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 17:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dg9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 17:15 Highlight (b07lhgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

THU 17:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b0507mbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 18:00 Dad's Army (b007jnt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 18:30 The Random Jottings Of Hinge And Bracket (b007jqz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 19:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01n7jww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

THU 20:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)

1: Under Water and in the Garden

Since he was first given a tape recorder in 1967, musician and wildlife sound recordist, Chris Watson, has been fascinated by the possibilities of sound.

In the first of these programmes, he tells the story of the technological advances in radio from the first Outside Broadcast, through the Radiophonic Workshop and to advent of podcasting.

For starters, Chris fires up his first ever tape recorder and we hear some of his radio moments.

Featuring:

* Orchestra Under The Waves - presented by Evelyn Glennie

- BBC Radio 4, 1996.

* Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird

- BBC Radio 3, 2000

* Oh, Whistle and I'll Come To You

- BBC Home Service, 1963.

Producer: Jessica Treen

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra - and first broadcast in October 2018.

THU 21:00 Great Lives (b084bmf7)

Cary Grant

Comedian and writer Lucy Porter champions Cary Grant as her Great Life finding that, despite his troubled relationships with women off screen, his on screen charm and generosity towards his female co stars redeems him.

Lucy joins Matthew Parris along with Grant's biographer, Geoffrey Wansell, to discuss the troubled screen icon's humble beginnings in Bristol and following him to the glamour and wealth of Los Angeles.

Producer: Maggie Ayré

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

THU 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n4db5)

9. Sin

The post-war novel that summed up middle-class white America and established John Updike as the major American author of his generation.

Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-winning quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Harry learns terrible news of his daughter, Rebecca. He becomes convinced, for the moment, that these are the wages of his sin.

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

THU 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m0002ycn)

9. Remembering

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan.

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for ten years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder. Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up – but if she's not even dead,

then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name.

But does he really know nothing about what happened?

Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't were she said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead.

Steve Richard Clements

Danny Roisin Gallagher

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

THU 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m000h8qg)

Series 1

2: Masculinity

Comedian Ellie Taylor has some opinions she'd like to get off her chest. In this episode she looks at all aspects of masculinity and whether it's had an unfairly poor press recently. She discusses her views with help from the studio audience and her side-kick Robin Morgan, who bravely goes on to the streets of Britain to ask members of the public about their attitudes to men being men. She also welcomes on a special expert guest, a man who knows all about how best to behave, Rupert Wesson from etiquette guide DeBrett's.

It is produced by Sam Michell and is a BBC Studios Production. This programme was first broadcast in 2020

THU 22:30 My Teenage Diary (m000ysn5)

Series 10

Jane Horrocks

Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.

In this episode, Ab Fab star Jane Horrocks. Jane's diary tells of sunny days and crazy nights at the disco on holiday in Sorrento back in 1980.

Producer: Harriet Jaie

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.

THU 23:00 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (b08rq7jv)

Series 1

2. Politics

The so-called millennial generation - those born between 1982 and 1994 - has been much maligned in the press for being lazy, entitled, vain, venal, self-involved, easily offended little emperors.

But Alex Edelman thinks these criticisms are baseless - so he's seeking to redress the balance.

In this episode, he's discussing millennials' attitude to politics and being offended.

Written and presented by Alex Edelman.

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.

THU 23:30 Thom Tuck - Goes Straight to DVD (b01rr371)

3. Faith Films

Comedian Thom Tuck draws more parallels between underrated straight-to-DVD movies with captivating tales from his own life experience.

This time it's the strangely lucrative world of faith films.

Thom draws parallels to the narrative in these underrated gems with stories of his own experiences as a child growing up whilst his family travelled the globe through Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Yorkshire.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

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FRI 02:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000dg9z)

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FRI 02:15 Highlight (b07lhgy)

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FRI 02:30 What Does the K Stand For? (b0507mbg)

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FRI 03:00 Dad's Army (b007jnt)

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FRI 04:00 Guess What? (b064dw48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Stockport, So Good They Named It Once (b01n7jww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Pepita's Daughter (m001vct6)

The extraordinary story of Victoria Sackville is more tempestuous and exotic than the better known story of her daughter, Vita Sackville-West.

Victoria was the illegitimate child of Lord Sackville of Knole and a Spanish dancer Pepita, who died when Victoria was still a young girl. Their daughter grew up to be a beautiful and extrovert woman who, because of her origins, could never be quite respectable and who could never quite decide whether she wished to be so.

Drama by Martyn Wade

Victoria Diana Quick

Vita Alice Hart

Lionel Sackville-West Mark Straker

Lord Sackville Geoffrey Whitehead

Sir John Murray Scott Crawford Logan

Young Vita Maisie Cowell

F E Smith Kim Wall

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

FRI 06:00 Stand By For West (m000twkn)

Inspector West at Bay

7. Bullets in Bell Street

Chief Inspector Roger West returns home from the hospital - to news of another murder...

Starring Patrick Allen and Sarah Lawson.

John Creasey's detective thriller dramatised by Maurice Travers

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Maurice Medley

Det-Insp Bill Sloan Derek Newark

Mark Lessing James Kerry

Eve Wedlake Anna Gilchrist

Jacob Kennedy Peter Williams

Clara Kennedy Margaret Woolfit

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1969.

FRI 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010q16)

8: The Call of the Muezzin

The tomb of Harshak in the Valley of the Kings has been robbed and all its treasure removed. Elizabeth Warwick is also missing.

Inspector Mahmoud and Wilder discover she's been taken by her brother and O'Hara to Cairo.

So they fly there to try and find them— in the City of the Dead. Starring Sheila Grant.

Conclusion of Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick.....Sheila Grant

Mahmoud:.....James Thomason

Mr Wilder:.....John Humphry

Fuad:.....David Spenser

Bertie PringleBarry Lowe

O'Hara:.....Denis McCarthy

Colonel Riza:.....Anthony Jackson

Michael Warwick:.....Christopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydemán

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

FRI 07:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000df49)

10. SOS

After his trip to his old home at Lower Binfield, and after what he thinks is an SOS call, George Bowling goes home to face his wife.

Written by George Orwell in 1939, Coming Up For Air was published just before the outbreak of the Second World War and offers premonitions of the impending conflict with images of an idyllic Thames-side Edwardian-era childhood at the same time as taking a rather dim view of capitalism and its effects on the best of rural England.

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Abridged by Elin Stein.

Read by Tim McInnerny.

Produced by Clive Brill.

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

FRI 07:15 Highlight (b07lhk6m)

Highlight - Natural Bounce

5. Floored!

The gym in the flat above the world's worst hairdressing salon, has breached all health and safety rules and could even be a deathtrap - so why does Gordon want his poor mother to move up there?

Five-part comedy drama set in and around Bev's hairdressing salon.

Written by Steve Chambers and Phil Nodding

Bev Lorraine Ashbourne

Shirl Rosie Cavaliero

Beryl Melanie Kilburn

Gordon Ewan Bailey

Other parts Sam Rix, Adie Allen and Scarlett Brookes

Director: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2016.

FRI 07:30 Ability (m0004f3w)

Series 2

Weekend Away

Matt and his best mate Jess join his parents for a weekend

away.

Matt contrives that he and Jess have to share a bed. Surely this will do the trick?

Stars Lee Ridley and Allan Mustafa.

Matt is 25. He has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app on his iPad.

Everyone who cares about Matt knows that this isn't the defining thing about him. He is funny and clever and "up for stuff" – partly because he is keen to show that there's nothing he can't do, but also because, if he's honest, he's aware that he's less likely than other people to get the blame.

This second series sees Matt still sharing a flat with his best mate, Jess. He is still in love with her but, much as she likes him, she is still not in love with him. She does however, fancy Matt's rubbish carer, Bob. Well just a tiny bit anyway. Not that she would ever admit it. After all, Bob is even more lazy and useless at most things than she is.

But Bob is willing. And although domestic duties are not really his forte, he likes Matt and treats him like a real person. And over the last year or so the three of them have been through a lot together - well a lot of drinking and hangovers anyway. The series is set in Newcastle and many of the cast last played together as children in Biker's Grove.

Matt Lee Ridley – aka Lost Voice Guy

Bob Allan Mustafa

Jess Sammy Dobson

Matt's Inner Voice Andrew Hayden-Smith

Ability is the semi-autobiographical co-creation of Britain's Got Talent 2018 winner, Lee Ridley, otherwise known as Lost Voice Guy. Like his sitcom creation, Lee has cerebral palsy and can only speak via an app. Lost Voice Guy is - probably - the first stand up comedian to use a communication aid. Katherine Jakeways is the co-creator and co-writer of Ability. A Funny Bones production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2019.

FRI 08:00 Marriage Lines (b060fyhy)

Series 2

Episode 3

The new baby arrives, but George manages to mess up big time. Starring Richard Briens and Prunella Scales. Richard Waring's sitcom based on the mutual love and mistrust of two newlyweds.

Originating on BBC TV, it ran between 1963-65 and was adapted in two series for BBC radio due to its popularity.

George Starling Richard Briens

Kate Starling Prunella Scales

Miles Colvey Edward de Souza

Sister Charlotte Mitchell

Flower Seller David Graham

Recorded at the BBC Paris Studio in London.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1967.

FRI 08:30 Know Your Place (b018ttwj)

Marriage of Convenience

Is it wedding bells for caretaker Ramsay in a quest to keep his job?

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

Pat Coombs

John Graham

Benny Lee.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1982.

FRI 09:00 Whispers (b00c3nw7)

Series 2

Episode 4

Gyles Brandreth hosts the quiz show with scandal on its mind and slander at its heart.

Valerie Grove and Geoffrey Durham join team captains Lucy Moore and Anthony Holden to run the gauntlet of gossip. Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004.

FRI 09:30 The Right Time (b0076mqw)

Series 4

Episode 6

The wine police are called - and a couple take up Satanism.

Sketch show about growing older disgracefully.

Stars Eleanor Bron, Dudley Sutton, Roger Blake, Paula Wilcox, Clive Swift and Barry Cryer.

Written by Nicholas Barber & Glenn Dakin, Jill Brodie & John Pidgeon, Barry Cryer, Jan Etherington, Ronnie Golden, Mike Haskins, Simon Littlefield, George Poles and Chris Thompson & Pete Reynolds.

Script editor: George Poles.

Music by Ronnie & The Rex.

Producer: Katie Marsden

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

FRI 10:00 Pepita's Daughter (m001vtc6)

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FRI 12:00 Coming Up for Air by George Orwell (m000df49)

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FRI 19:30 The Right Time (b0076mqw)

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FRI 20:00 In Defence of the Mid-Life Crisis (b07pd34f)

Stephen Smith, best known as Newsnight's culture correspondent, takes a very look at the mid-life crisis. Far from being something we might feel embarrassed or ashamed, isn't mid-life actually the perfect time to learn new skills, instruments or just an opportunity to re-invent yourself? Isn't it time we defended the Mid-Life Crisis?

In the programme, Stephen hears from scholars of Schopenhauer to Sting, well, his accompanist, Jason Rebello, as he takes a field trip into the un-chartered waters of the Mid-Life Crisis, once considered just a heart-beat away from old age. He visits Brighton, considered by many to be the UK's capital of the mid-life crisis, to talk to those who've come out the other side. They now say they now lead happier and more fulfilled lives. How did they do it? He checks into a top Harley Street clinic, where the faces of the stars are lifted and tummies tucked, but what treatment will they do to him?

And if you thought the old MLC was just the preserve of heterosexual middle aged men, think again, as psychotherapist Philippa Perry, journalist and author Miranda Sawyer and writer Simon Fanshawe, describe.

Perhaps, after all, life is one big crisis, as veteran socialite Nicky Haslam suggests.

Producer: Jim Frank

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

FRI 20:30 Soul Music (b00mr2wr)

Series 8

You've Got a Friend

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Written by Carole King and made famous by James Taylor, You've Got a Friend won a Grammy Award in 1971. In this programme people tell how this song has affected their life.

Contributors

Carole King

Nick Barraclough

Marcella Erskine

Estelle Williams

Karen Garner

James Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

FRI 21:00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry (m0015b80)

Series 19

The Turn of the Tide

Mathematician Hannah Fry and geneticist Adam Rutherford investigate your everyday science queries.

They get stuck into two questions about tides.

Lynn Godson wants to know why isn't high tide at the same time at all points around the coast? Whilst Tim Mosedale asks, could we ever harness tidal power commercially?

Did you think tides are caused by the pull of the Moon? And that they come in and out twice a day? Well, yes, that's true but it turns out there's so much more to it than that, especially here in the UK, which has the second largest tidal range in the world at the Seven Estuary near Bristol, coming in at an average of 15 metres (50ft in old money). But why should high and low tide times be so different even in places that are relatively close to each other?

The answer partly lies in something called bathymetry (which has more to do with baths than you might think – well basins at any rate). As for harnessing sea power, there are some ambitious projects currently in development and predictions that wave and tidal could make up as much as 15 percent of the UK's energy needs in future. But how realistic is this and how

do you ensure that your power generators can survive the rigours of the ocean – storms, saltwater and all those pesky barnacles?

To help answer these queries, Hannah and Adam are joined by Physicist and Oceanographer, Helen Czerski and Professor Deborah Greaves OBE, who heads up the COAST lab at the University of Plymouth which studies marine renewable energy technologies.

Producers: Rami Tzabar and Jen Whyntie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2022.

FRI 21:30 Rabbit, Run by John Updike (b08n4pc8)

10. Return

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Rabbit, Run is the first in a virtuoso Pulitzer Prize-winning quintet featuring hapless Harry Angstrom, whom we meet as a 26 year old former high school basketball star and suburban paragon in the midst of a personal crisis.

Harry prays for his daughter, but then returns to form - abusing his wife, horrifying his family, and running to Ruth who finally reveals her secret.

Read by Toby Jones

Abridged by Eileen Horne

Produced by Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017

FRI 21:45 Blackwater by Claire McGowan (m0003641)

10. Dancer

A multi-voiced dark story about secrets and lies in a small town, written by Claire McGowan.

Golden girl Zoe's been dead for ten years, her body dragged from the river Black after a night out to celebrate the end of school. But now a woman who says she's Zoe has turned up in her hometown of Blackwater, on the Irish border, with no memory of the last decade. She claims she woke up in a forest nearby, bruised and bleeding, and doesn't know where she's been all this time. What happened to her? Is she really Zoe? If so, who's in her grave?

Paul, a local boy whose band were playing in the venue where Zoe was last seen, went to prison for her murder. Now he's out, but he's lost everything and is shunned in the town. The people of Blackwater were easily convinced that a black boy murdered Zoe, and the evidence did stack up – but if she's not even dead, then how did he get convicted? Did someone deliberately frame him? He's determined to find out the truth and clear his name. But does he really know nothing about what happened?

Could it be that everyone involved with the case is hiding something? There's Zoe's uncle Phil, a former detective superintendent with an explosive secret. There's Steve, the police officer who found 'Zoe's' body in the river Black, and sent Paul to prison for her murder. And there's Zoe's friend Danny, who wasn't were she said she was on that night ten years ago. When Paul and Zoe collide, they realise they're the only ones who can help each other. As they sift through their conflicting memories of that day ten years ago, they start to discover that not everyone is happy Zoe's back from the dead. Zoe Clare Dunne

Paul Aston Kelly

Producer: Celia De Wolff

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

FRI 22:00 POV (m001vc51)

POV: You're listening to a brand-new sketch show that takes the comics making brilliant videos for social media and gets them to write brand new audio-only sketches, mixing them all up with rich, immersive sound design.

Featuring Rachel Fairburn, Daniel Foxx, Matt Green, Rosie Holt, Emma Jones, Kelechi Okafor & Vinny Thomas

Sound design by Rich Evans at Synbox Post

Produced by Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 22:30 John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (b06yfjdy)

Series 5

Episode 4

John Finnemore's fifth series of his multi-award-winning sketch show, joined as ever by Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Simon Kane, Lawry Lewin and Carrie Quinlan.

This week features a sketch that couldn't catch a cold in Coventry, if you know what we mean; a train passenger who really doesn't over think things; and, well, since you ask him for a tale of a haunted mansion...

John is the writer and star of Cabin Pressure and John Finnemore's Double Act, regular guest on The Now Show and The Unbelievable Truth.

One of the most consistently funny sketch shows for quite some time" - The Guardian

"The best sketch show in years, on television or radio" - The Radio Times

"The inventive sketch show ... continues to deliver the goods" - The Daily Mail

"Superior comedy" - The Observer

Written by and starring ... John Finnemore

Producer: Ed Morrish

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2016.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m001vmqr)

Lou Conran talks to Connor Burns 2/2

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week. The Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Lou Conran talks to Connor Burns.

FRI 23:00 Small Scenes (m0002z4f)

Series 4

Episode 4

A man discovers that his real name is Ian and his life starts to spiral into chaos. Meanwhile, a young woman exposes a dark conspiracy at the heart of West End musicals.

Symphonious sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Freya Parker

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2019.

FRI 23:30 A World of Dowie (m0017m4t)

Episode 3

Enter a brave new world created and presented by John Dowie.

John Dowie checks into a boarding house in order to read the Gideon's bible from cover to cover.

With:

Jim Sweeney

Steve Steen

Tony Haase

Cathryn Harrison

Music from the Ronnie Golden Small Band.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1991.